

REMARKS

An early and favorable Action of the merits is requested.

Claims 1-23 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claim 24 has been added and is pending. No new matter has been added.

The specification has been amended to include the attached Sequence Listing. The attached Sequence Listing is the same as the paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing filed November 4, 2003, in the parent application Serial No. 09/899,082. The Office is requested to use the computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing filed November 4, 2003, in the parent application Serial No. 09/899,082, for the present application. A separate Request in this regard is attached.

The specification has been filed with the attached formal drawings as filed and accepted in the parent application Serial No. 09/899,082. The attached formal drawings include sequence identifiers corresponding to the Sequence Listing submitted herewith. The applicants note that the originally-filed drawings of the parent application PCT/EP93/03325, did not include these designations. The applicants would be happy to provide a further copy of the originally-filed drawings from the PCT/EP93/03325, which indicates with particularity the added sequence identifiers, if believed required by the Patent Office. As noted above, the entirety of each of the parent applications is incorporated herein by reference. The Office is requested to advise the undersigned if anything further is required.

Return of initialed copies of the attached PTO-1449 Forms, which list references of record in the parent application Serial No. 09/899,082, are requested, pursuant to MPEP Section 609.

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Acknowledgement of the applicants claim for domestic priority is requested.
Moreover, acknowledgement of receipt of certified copies of the foreign priority documents filed in the parent application is requested.

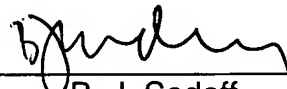
A copy of the Declaration from the parent application is attached along with a Revocation to the undersigned. A Correspondence Address Indication Form is also attached and the Office is requested to forward future correspondence to the undersigned at the noted address.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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